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Yaks Harass U.S. Plane

Berlin, Sept. 23. — The American authorities today protested to their Russian counterparts against the harassing tactics of two Soviet fighter planes which endangered a United States air transport carrying 30 passengers.
A passenger, Sgt. James Galbraith, took a picture of one Yak as it flew alongside the transport. It clearly showed the Yak within six feet of the bigger plane, with its two big red stars and the number 34 painted on its side.
The incident occurred on Tuesday on the Berlin to Frankfurt flight over the Soviet Zone.
Elsewhere in Germany, ten American Consular troops were arrested by Russian border police at widely separated points, but all were returned to their bases by tonight.—United Press.

Murderer Given Life Imprisonment

Bruges, Sept. 23.—Horbert Frederik Stephens, 30-year-old Scottish born mechanic, was on Thursday sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour for murdering his wife, Lucia di Meo at Blankenberghe, Belgium.

The jury found him guilty of premeditated murder despite his plea that he killed his wife as part of a suicide pact which he had not the courage to complete.

Asked if he had anything to say in his defence, Stephens, who showed little sign of outward emotion, declared he was sorry for what he had done and that he loved his wife. He again insisted that they had agreed on a suicide pact upon learning that the police were after him in connection with certain swindles of which he had also been accused.

The jury did not reach a final decision regarding the charges of fraud and it was agreed that this question would be considered again on Saturday.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

West Point Disaster

ONLY today is it possible fully to comprehend the immensity of the West Point godown fire disaster which, as a spectacular blaze started early on Wednesday morning and was not subdued until nearly 36 hours later. As a tragedy it has few parallels in the history of Hongkong, for not only did the blaze defy the concentrated efforts of the Island's fire brigade, assisted by Army appliances and four fire floats for more than a day, but it is now established that some 120 people perished in the flames while another 50 were injured. The story has made melancholy reading, relieved only by the courage and tenacity of the fire fighters and the gallant rescue work carried out by fire brigade officers. The loss of property has been enormous, but the loss of life is a matter of far greater concern. Presumably a full inquiry will be made into the disaster and it is not within our province to anticipate any such investigation. Nevertheless, as a general principle it is felt that some explanation should be forthcoming as to why tenement flats are permitted above a dangerous goods godown, or alternatively, why dangerous goods should be allowed to be stored below tenements. That over 100 people were hopelessly trapped within this building arouses feelings, not only of horror, but apprehension. It is apparent from eyewitness accounts that these inhabitants of the tenements above the godown had no chance whatever of escaping; and, in fact, the only people who were fortunate enough to be rescued were those who lived on the top floor and were able to climb to the roof. This means that in the case of fire, the tenements were, for the most part, a death trap. The burnt-out tenements are what are known as old-style, and for this very reason the question crops up whether they should

not have been condemned long ago. Fire risks in such crowded living quarters are constantly present, and when, as in this case, there is overcrowding, the danger of heavy loss of life through fire is all too obvious. That part of a godown building could be used as residential quarters arouses feelings of surprise, for it is doubtful whether similar conditions are permitted elsewhere. When, in addition, it is found that the godown is used for storing hazardous goods, surprise emerges into consternation. The West Point disaster is deplorable from every point of view and it demands the fullest investigation.

HK And The BIF

THE British Industries Fair on its excellent report concerning the first showing of Hongkong manufactures at this year's BIF. There will be general approval of the recommendation that the Colony takes part in the Fair next year, and if the recommendations of the BIF are followed, Hongkong should be even better represented at future exhibitions. The opinion has been previously advanced that the Colony's industrialists and merchants have quality products in plenty to offer overseas markets, but hitherto only casual efforts have been made to capitalise on this. The representatives who attended the BIF this year have broken new ground, studied new techniques, and discovered (apparently with some astonishment) that it is easy to "sell the world" and the world becomes interested. The recommendations of the Committee for Future Hongkong Representation, at the British Industries Fair, should be enthusiastically adopted and acted upon. The return is certain to more than justify the outlay.

Plans To Prepare Britain For An Emergency

INCREASED ARMED FORCES

London, Sept. 23.—Plans to prepare Britain for an emergency were announced by the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in the House of Commons today. He was opening a debate on defence. Mobilisation machinery had been overhauled, he said, "and if unhappily such machinery had to be used it would be found to work satisfactorily."

Declaring that the "plain fact" was that collective security had not been achieved, Mr. Alexander said: "We have an obligation so to maintain our armed forces that should a major emergency arise, they can be expected to make full contribution to the collective security."

Plans for an emergency recall had been prepared as "a matter of common prudence." Mr. Alexander enumerated the measures being taken to increase the reserves of the Armed Forces.

For Britain's general preparedness, the buildup of the Reserve and Auxiliary forces "is one of the most urgent and necessary measures we are undertaking," he said. He outlined the Government's aim for the various Services as follows:

Army: It was vital in the next few months that the strength of the Territorial Reserve Army should be increased by not less than 100,000 men and women; tens of thousands had come forward already and he hoped it would continue to expand.

Air Force: The Auxiliary Air Force and the Air Force Volunteer Reserve between them wanted another 60,000 volunteers. Recruits were also needed for the Observer Corps. There would be a scheme for the registration of reserves confined to men and women with previous experience of anti-aircraft work. This was expected to give the necessary reserve of manpower required for this work.

Navy: The Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve was seeking to increase its strength to 7,500 in the next six months, mostly from those who have already served.

"The Government attaches the greatest importance to the success of these schemes, but they do not diminish the need for the maximum voluntary recruitment of the auxiliary forces," the Defence Minister said.

Civil Defence: Thousands of men and women in the forces were now being trained in civil defence duties, except fire fighting.

Mr. Alexander said that there would be new types of armament for the gradual re-equipment of Britain's forces. "We must look ahead. We shall not allow our present problems to deflect us from the vital task of assuring that, in the many new fields, we shall be abreast of, if not ahead of, development elsewhere."

Britain's stocks had become depleted since the end of the war and were not well-balanced. Measures now taken provide for the increased production of certain of the latest types of armaments and for the reconditioning of certain other existing wartime equipment.

The production of the latest type of jet interceptor fighters was being increased to nearly double the planned rate. The rate of production of new armoured fighting vehicles was being increased. The planned rate of small arms ammunition was being doubled.

Anti-aircraft ammunition production was being greatly accelerated. The Navy programme for the fighting ships and reserves was being speeded up. All three Services were taking steps with regard to essential spare parts.

Referring to the Government's decision on September 14 to increase the length of service by conscripts by three months, which would give an extra 20,000 men at the end of the year, Mr. Alexander said the Armed Forces on January 1, 1949, would number about 625,000.

On April 1, 1949, it would be, according to the present plan, 780,000 as against 716,000 as originally planned.

"While putting our whole strength in favour of the development of Western Union, we do not forget that Great Britain has a great part to play at the heart and centre of the British Commonwealth and we must continue to strengthen and improve the effective machinery by which common ideals are translated into common policy."

TEST OF STRENGTH

"The whole question of the defence of the Commonwealth will be further explored at the forthcoming meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers," Mr. Alexander said.

Mr. Richard Crossman, Labour, said: "I believe that in the two years ahead war is unlikely but there will be a colossal test of strength as to whether a cold war shall lead to a shooting war."

"Our aim in this defence policy must not be to defeat the Russians but to deter them. This taken rearmament will contribute to this diplomatic end."

Mr. Frank Byers, Liberal, said: "We can no longer assume for planning purposes that there might be no war for another five years. He urged increasing the Regular Army to 400,000 but abolishing conscription."

Mr. Fred Bellenger, Labour and ex-War Minister, said: "The United States should provide some of the manpower and not merely the dollars. If that great nation were to provide a more substantial portion of the manpower, it would have a great effect upon Moscow."

—Reuter.

MORE PAY FOR FRENCH WORKERS

15 Percent Increase

Paris, Sept. 23.—The French Cabinet today decided on a general 15 percent wage increase for French workers while the National Assembly passed a motion by 291 votes to 286 to admit a bill to postpone until March the local elections due to take place in October.

A detailed statement on the increases was being published later, it was learned. The trade unions had earlier called a nation-wide strike for a two-hours period tomorrow in protest against the rising cost of living.

At a meeting held during an adjournment of today's debate, the Radical group was reported to have decided by a narrow majority to support an agreement for the elections to be held in the spring with voting on the ordinary straight majority system and not by proportional representation.

After the Assembly had voted in favour of postponing local elections, two members of the Coalition Government threatened tonight to resign. They were the Minister for Reconstruction, Mr. Claudius Petit, and the Information Secretary of State, Mr. Francois Mitterand, who opposed the delaying until March of the elections due to be held next month.

PLEA FOR UNITY

In a moving plea for unity, the French Premier, M. Henri Queuille, told the Assembly: "The majority which undertook to accomplish this work has not the right to split over things, it is a secondary order. The question is whether we are going to spare the country the misfortune of inflation."

This move represents a change of front on the part of the Government, which had earlier declared that it would leave the question to a free vote and would not take sides in the controversy.

The Assembly has already defeated a Socialist proposal to postpone the elections.

Last night and again this afternoon, the emergency Cabinet debated the wages increases to the workers who planned to stage a two-hours strike tomorrow.

The token strike would shut down transport, communications, shops, restaurants, hotels and factories for two hours tomorrow afternoon.

Food shops would remain open and health and security services maintained while United Nations communications were guaranteed.

Gold prices and exchange rates on the free currency and black markets reached new high peaks today owing to the possibility of a Government crisis, labour unrest and the international situation.—Reuter.

New French Premier



M. Henri Queuille (left) smiles as he talks with President Vincent Auriol (right) after informing the French cabinet to replace the short-lived government of Robert Schuman. In the new cabinet Queuille retains M. Schuman as foreign minister.—AP Picture.

Burmese Communist Leaders Killed

Rangoon, Sept. 23.—Four Communist leaders and 36 others were killed in an encounter at Toungoo, on the railway midway between Rangoon and Mandalay, a Burmese Government communique tonight stated.

It also reported minor actions at Insein, in the outer suburbs of Rangoon, and the Henzada district in the Irrawaddy Delta.

The Burmese Government's battle against the insurgents, including the Red Flag and White Flag Communists, has changed its pattern since the recapture of Prome. Daily clashes continue, to be reported in Government communiqués, but since the Government has had this communication centre, northwest of Rangoon, back in their hands, there has been no clearly defined battle front.

The insurgents have resorted to guerrilla tactics, striking at Government positions, disrupting communications, burning villages and looting treasuries and rice shops as opportunity offers and then withdrawing to their lairs in the steamy, rain-soaked jungles.

The Government now controls two trunk railways from Rangoon northwards to the temple city of Mandalay and northwards to Prome. But traffic is occasionally halted when insurgents blow up bridges and the railway tracks.

The Government has established repair gangs at strategic points along the line.

During the past week, communiques have reported for the first time sizable clashes in the Arakan Division of Western Burma—scene of some of the 14th Army's grimmest battles against the Japanese during the war.

INSURGENTS HARD HIT
In one clash in Arakan, Government troops are reported to have killed more than 100 insurgents. Communiques have also reported the loss and recapture by Government troops of a number of townlets in the fertile rice-growing Irrawaddy Delta area, whose network of waterways favour an insurgent type of warfare.

Burma Navy patrol boats have struck hard at the insurgents in the Delta, firing from the stream or sending long parties ashore to ferret out insurgent nests of resistance.

Disturbances reported in other parts of the country include localised communal incidents which are separate from the main Communist insurrection. The situation, however, was regarded as sufficiently serious for the Burmese President, Sao Shwe Thaik, to announce a state of emergency throughout Burma.—Reuter.

TWO BRITISH WARSHIPS SOLD

London, Sept. 23.—The Admiralty announced that it has sold two destroyers to Dominica at an undisclosed price.

They are HMS Fame and HMS Hotspur, now being refitted at Devonport.

The Hotspur will sail for Dominica on November 1 and the Fame in December.—Associated Press.

MAKE FATAL LEAP

Newspapermen Killed In Plane Disaster

Amman, Sept. 23. — Mr. David Woodford, Correspondent of the London Telegraph, and Mr. John Nixon, Correspondent of the British Broadcasting Corporation in the Middle East, were killed when an Arab plane crashed near the Transjordan frontier this afternoon.

An Arab passenger was also killed. All three had jumped as the plane approached the ground.

An Arab report said that the crash came after a Jewish plane had fired at the Arab machine over Tiberias, northern Palestine.

The pilot of the crashed plane, Captain Newman, and two passengers—an American and an Arab—escaped. The plane was on its way from Beirut to Amman.

EX-REUTERS' MAN

Jack Reginald Nixon, 30-year-old, joined Reuters' London Office in 1934 and during the war was a War Correspondent in France and in the Mediterranean. He later joined the BBC for whom he was correspondent in the Middle East.

David Charles Woodford, aged 43, served on the Army Staff in the Middle East during the war and joined the Daily Telegraph as foreign correspondent in October, 1945.

An official communique issued in Amman tonight said that Jewish plane had fired at the Arab machine, and added that it continued firing until the damaged plane crashed.

The Iraqi Army did not fire on the Jewish plane, supposing it to be a United Nations machine, the communique added. An Iraqi officer reported that the Jewish plane was carrying the Red Cross emblem.—Reuter.

AIR LIFT TO BE BIGGER

Heidelberg, September, 23.—General Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor for Germany, today promised a bigger and better Berlin air lift, claiming "we've only done about 60 per cent of what we can easily do."

The performance of the American Air Forces in the first quarter of the year, justifies aiming higher in planning extension of operation, he told the press.

"Not only can we make our promised 4,500 tons daily, but we should be able to maintain Western Berlin as well as she had been since the end of the war."

General Clay, holding his regular monthly conference with his ranking subordinates from all parts of the American zone, was not discouraged by the possibility of the winter weather interfering with the vital operation.

On the contrary, he expects a mounting supply of deliveries in Berlin for the reason that the planes hauled in about 7,000 tons in more than 800 flights.

General Clay termed this as a most significant "achievement of the air lift," but, he pointed out, that if only four-engined craft had been run, another 1,000 tons could have been unloaded in the blocked metropolis.—United Press.

Czech Captain To Be Hanged For Espionage

Prague, Sept. 23.—A Czech Army captain has been sentenced to death, charged with spying for the British. The government said thirty-two other persons are under arrest, accused of spying for the United States.

The Captain, Rudolf Hrazdilek, was sentenced last night to be hanged for high treason and "crimes against the people's Democratic Regime." He was accused of turning information over to a British Intelligence agent.

The announcement came during a search for persons circulating anti-government statements charging that former Foreign Minister Masaryk was murdered. The government called Masaryk's death, because of his attacks on Health Minister Plojhar, "Buran was accused of fostering 'reactionary' attacks on a member of the government."

Plojhar was suspended last June from the Catholic priesthood because of his political activity.—Associated Press.

Soap the Queen of Cosmetics



After the soap and water cleansing, cream your face well

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT is taken for granted that a girl keeps her face clean, so perhaps the members of this beauty class will forgive teacher if she harps on that subject. Facial operators have been known to remark that some well-dressed customers come to them with faces that are not strictly in order. Washing has been casual. Make up piled on.

Soap is the queen of cosmetics. Give your face a rousing lathering with plenty of friction and you pop up the vitality of the skin. Circulation gets brisk, the cheeks take on a pleasing colour. A clean skin functions normally, sending away waste materials—dead skin cells, the salty exudations of the sweat glands, excessive oil that may be sent out by the sebaceous glands.

One must keep in mind that powder and the commercial blushes must be laid upon a clean surface. Before applying them, a cleansing oil or cream can be used. It isn't always convenient to have a thorough scrubbing. But at bedtime one should use soap suds freely. Cream, applied afterward, frictioned in briskly, will allay any irritation that soap may cause.

A change of soap may make a difference; what agrees best with one skin may not be the happy choice for another. Some women with sensitive complexions, make it a practice to use shaving soap that is bland and mild.

The suds should be removed with warm water; it does a better rinsing job than cold. Cold water can be used afterwards, if one likes, but cream is more effective when applied to a warm, glowing surface.

If blackheads are present, experiment with a dry cleaning treatment once a week. Pour a little eau de Cologne on a moist cloth, go over the skin lightly. Keep the cloth away from the eyes.

WOMANSENSE

Just The Frock!



By ALICE ALDEN

ALL TOO SOON it will be the end of September and town activities will be under way again. For those busy days when there is so much to be done, shopping, getting the wardrobe ready for autumn, sending the youngsters off to school, a dress that can carry one through a full day and always look right, is a find. Joseph Halpert, with just such a thought in mind, comes up with a sleek street frock in cocoa beige crepe, set off by tortoise shell accents on the belt. The sleeve is cuffed, the front has an inverted plait, and the skirt back is flared.

Make it a ROOM YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE

BY ELEANOR ROSS

THIS is the ideal season to re-do a child's bedroom. Cool weather usually means outdoor play and school too gets him out of the house most of the day. Junior won't be using his room for anything but sleep for a while which should offer clear sailing for re-decorating.

If his room has never adequately doubled for a playroom, it might be a good idea to fix it that way, now that equipment and furnishings are available in good supply. It's a thrifty notion, because a room of this own for play and study as well as for sleeping, will save living room furniture. And if your youngster has graduated from the little boy stage to a young man of 8 to 10 years, there'll be changes you'll want to make in the general set-up of the room.

Level Mattress

It's always best to start with the bed. A firm, level mattress and spring and a good pillow of just the right thickness is of first importance for health and general well-being. Beyond that give him any style of bed that can be placed against the wall and can double as a lounge by day. A spring and mattress on legs, durably all-covered to take plenty of wear and tear, serves the purpose beautifully. Or you may decide on bunk beds which have such an appeal for youngsters. Select a few pictures that reflect one of Junior's special interests—a ship, plane or musical instrument design, for instance. Or have his own drawings framed up. This may encourage him to draw better. And choose the bed all-cover and draperies of sturdy materials in the dominant colour of the wall paper.

Linoleum is ideal for a floor covering and here again there are all sorts of attractive designs. A good block pattern is always right and goes with everything.

Work Table

Give the room an adequate desk or work table and as much cabinet and shelf space as possible. A couple of straight backed chairs will come in handy when his pals come in to hand out advice on his latest project, and a big hassock is good, too. A few stools are more space-saving than the sofa.

See to it that lighting is good, placed and attractive, with emphasis on the best available study lamp. Such a room is an expensive proposition, but whatever the outlay it will pay dividends in your child's happiness and well being, not to mention, peace for the rest of the household as that new plane-building or chemistry experiment gets under way!

MY VISION OF ME Goes Into CLOSE-UP

by ANNE EDWARDS

PAGE Two gets to close quarters today with its theme that people dress according to the taste of some personality they imagine they resemble.

The head-and-shoulder close-ups photographed at a recent dress show are: (1) PICTURESQUE TYPE: (2) COUNTY TYPE:



(1) Invariably dresses in anything with a period flavour in a gown; her head and shoulders as an illustration of the rest of her in a modern, ROBB shows: Hat smaller, perched higher to show more forehead, less fringe, neckline simplified, shoulders rounded, stud earrings—all tending to make face longer



(2) Wears tweeds at all times of the day, good tweeds, but often too much of it, uncompromising hats, classic sweaters, severe hairstyle. ROBB shows: Less sophisticated hat, snap brim, softer hair-do, no jewels, matching bag, sweater, leather gloves and hat-band. Suit pressed, buttoned.

For Your Kitchen Garden

By RICHARD SUDELL

"SOWING carrots? Why, mine are ready to harvest!" said one man to his neighbour. The reply was, of course: "So are mine, but I also want a late crop." All garden produce is better eaten fresh, and root crops are no exception. You can store them, but every housewife knows the difference between freshly pulled carrots and those she gets in late winter.

When you plan sowings, to follow those crops that have matured and have been harvested (such as early peas), make sure you sow varieties that will mature rapidly.

Soil Condition

Always remember that soil, in summer, may be exhausted and dry. If you have a compost heap work some of the material into the soil just below the surface before you sow or plant out.

You will not need this if you plant green crops on the site of the early peas. The soil should be in good condition without any treatment other than clearing haulms and weeds. If you should doubt its fertility, use a light dressing of nitro-chalk when setting out cabbages and other green plants.

A crop nearly always difficult to manage in the little garden is lettuce. They come all at once and run to seed, and then there is a blank.

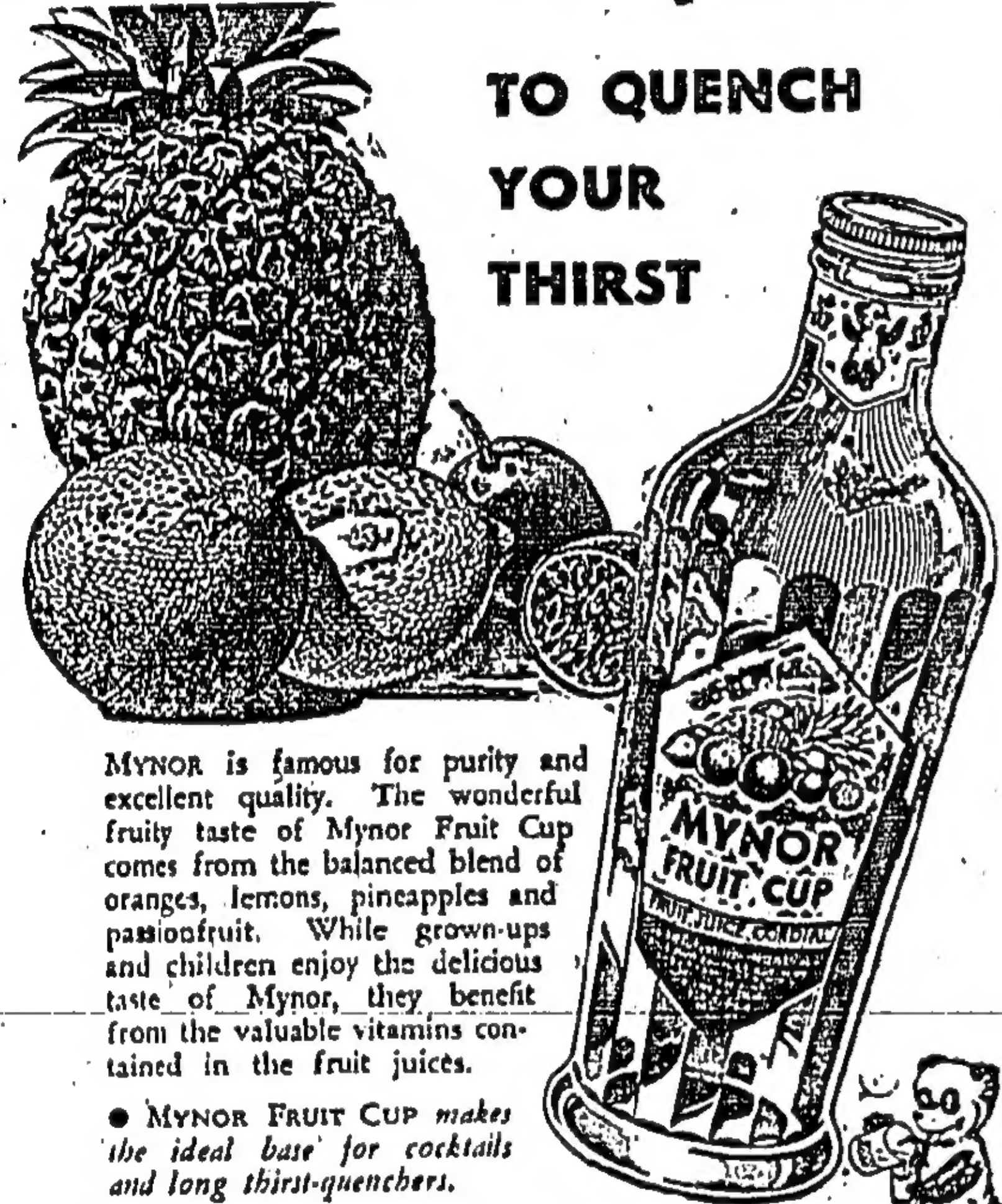
Sow at frequent intervals, but make sure the warm weather sowings get a fair start. Fork well-rotted manure or compost just under the top three inches of soil. Spread it along the row to a depth of two inches first; then use the spade to turn it gently under the top soil.

Forget-me-nots

Roses will appreciate liquid manure or general fertiliser. Continue to plant out winter greens, Kale and broccoli can be planted between early potatoes.

Sow parsley for a winter supply. Cut and dry herbs for winter use.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Blinky Mole Loses His Kitchen

—Knarf and Hanid Help Him Find It—

By MAX TRELL

BLINKY Mole leaned his pickaxe and shovel against the wall of his house and sat down wearily. "I've done enough work for one night," he said to Knarf and Hanid, the shadows with the turned-about names. "Now I'll have breakfast and go to sleep."

Blinky Mole always ate his breakfast at the end of the night instead of the beginning of the morning. Then he slept all day. It was pleasant enough for Blinky to sleep in the daytime. He didn't even have to pull down the shades to make his room dark. His room was underground, and darker than the inside of a pocket.

"Please have breakfast with me," Blinky said. So Knarf and Hanid stayed. "How would you like some wheatcakes with real maple syrup?" asked Blinky. "And some toast with cinnamon on it? And some milk with chocolate in it?" Knarf and Hanid smiled. Blinky Mole knew they'd like all that for breakfast. "Well," he said, getting to his feet, "now all I have to remember is where I left my kitchen."

Where He Left His Kitchen "Where you left your kitchen!" Hanid exclaimed. "But—but no one ever loses a kitchen, Blinky!"

"Yes... yes, of course. No one ever loses a kitchen—no one but me. I'm always losing it."

Blinky explained how that happened. "I keep building new rooms in my house, or rather, I keep digging out new rooms. That's what I've been doing for the last month or so. And every time I get more new rooms, I keep forgetting where the old ones are. It's very confusing."

"Why do you keep making new rooms?" Knarf asked. "Haven't you got enough already?"

"My rooms aren't like other people's rooms," said Blinky. "Things



Blinky Mole put down his pickaxe and shovel.

Round and Round

Down one corridor and up another went Knarf and Hanid and Blinky. The corridors wound round and round, and criss-crossed each other. And they were pitch dark. Knarf held on to Blinky's tail, and Hanid held on to Knarf's hand. The real trouble was that Blinky was terribly near-sighted, and, hardly knew where he was going himself.

But (though it didn't seem so at first), it was a lucky thing that Blinky had left the kettle boiling on the stove. For all at once they heard a faint whistle, far, far off. So they followed the sound, which grew louder and louder until at length, there it was—the lost kitchen!—with the kettle whistling merrily as it bubbled and boiled on the stove.

They all enjoyed their breakfast. Hunting for the kitchen gave them a wonderful appetite.

Pattern For Today

WAKE up and be glad you're alive. Face the new day with a grin. It's the best day in the world, a day full of new opportunities, interesting experiences, and it is yours!

Or, wake up with a frown. Take a sour face to breakfast and a grouch to school or to work. Make your day a failure.

Yet it is exactly the same day—all that is different about it is you. You made your day: just as you make each day, good or bad by the pattern you set each morning. Your attitude is what counts and you are responsible for your attitude. Have you ever tried setting an enthusiastic, happy pattern first thing in the morning? If you don't believe it matters how you start the day off, just give it a trial and you'll soon learn how important that pattern really is.

Open your eyes with a thank you for all the fun and happiness ahead of you. Maybe you can't see it, but it's there, and even inanimate things seem to respond to appreciation. Did you ever notice how good fortune seems to follow a happy person? Why not be one yourself and attract your share? It will only take one trial to convince you that you actually do set the day's pattern by the way you greet each morning. Set a grand and glorious pattern for today—it pays.

Educated Chicken Able To Walk Tight Rope

GOSHEN, Ind.—Brownie, an educated chicken who has travelled some 10,000 miles, can be taught many things. The bird has made two cross-country trips to California during her lifetime. Among her tricks are walking a tight rope and knowing when her mistress is going to leave in the family automobile. Mrs. Arney, her mistress, says she only has to walk toward her car and Brownie makes a beeline for it.

Rupert & Ting-Ling—47

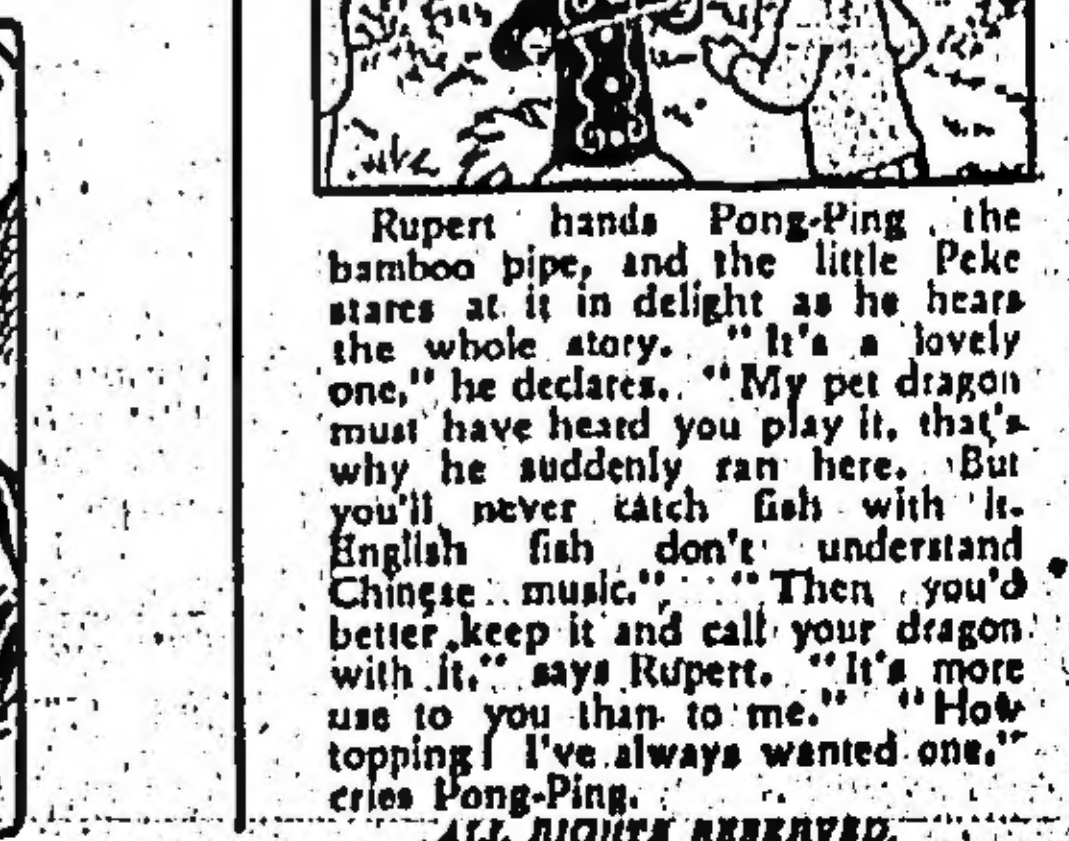


Rupert hands Pong-Ping the bamboo pipe, and the little Peking stare at it in delight as he hears the whole story. "It's a lovely one," he declares. "My pet dragon must have heard you play it, that's why he suddenly ran here. But you'll never catch fish with it. English fish don't understand Chinese music." Then you'd better keep it and call your dragon with it," says Rupert. "It's more use to you than to me." "How topping! I've always wanted one," cries Pong-Ping. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

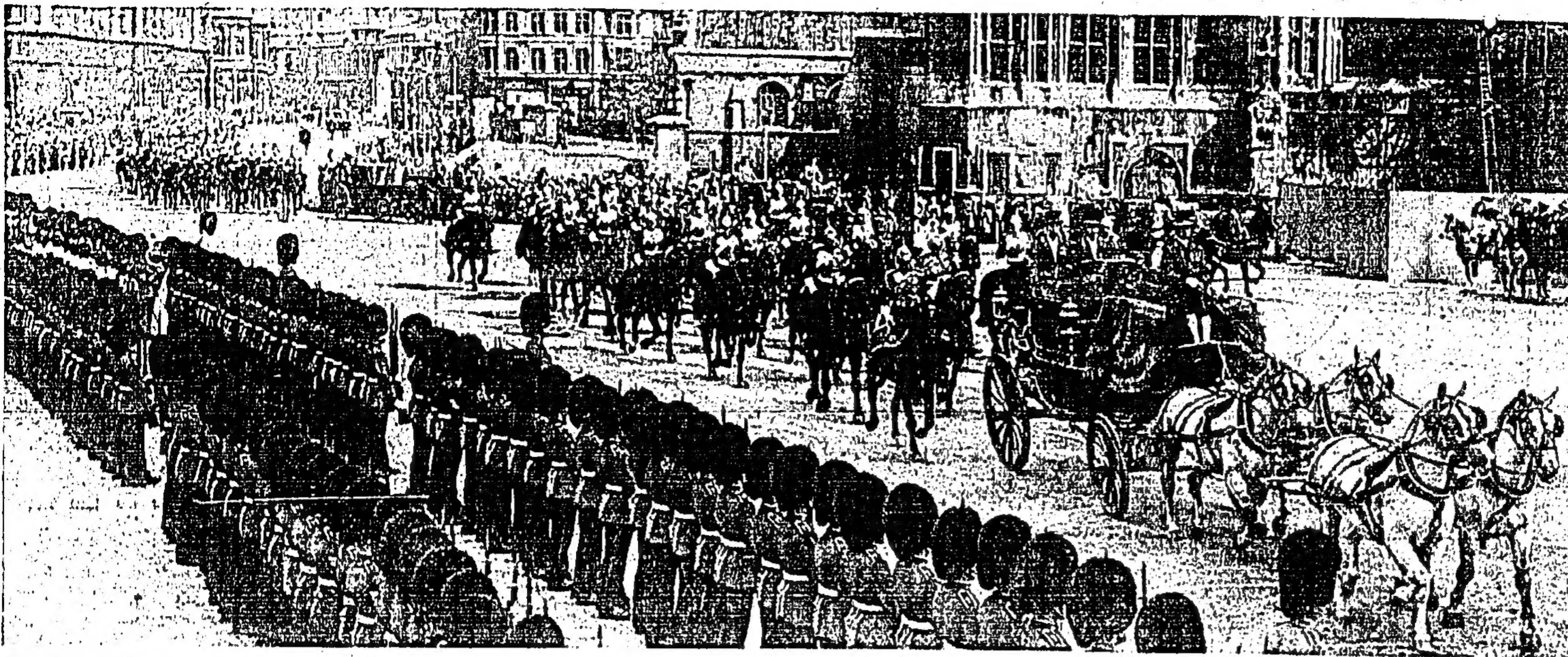
RED RYDER

Capable Gal

By Fred Harman



WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



The Welsh Guards come to the salute as the King arrives at the House of Lords to open Parliament. His speech of 74 words was the shortest opening-of-Parliament address on record, and the coach returned to the Palace 25 minutes before the official estimate.



ON GUARD IN BERLIN—Armed U.S. Military Police join these Allied-backed German police in forming a cordon across a Berlin street. The thoroughfare, near the Potsdamer Platz, is where the Eastern and Western sectors of Berlin meet. Kidnapping raids by Reds, made against black market operators, have made this necessary.



WATER CARRIER—A resident carries water through the ruins of Doblegiewo, Poland. The name of the town, situated in German Pomerania, was changed from Woldenberg when it became Polish territory after World War II. All Germans were sent beyond the new boundary of the Oder River and replaced by Poles. The town was the scene of fierce fighting between Russians and Germans.



HELPFUL—Charles Laughton gives Ava Gardner some acting pointers on a movie set in Hollywood.



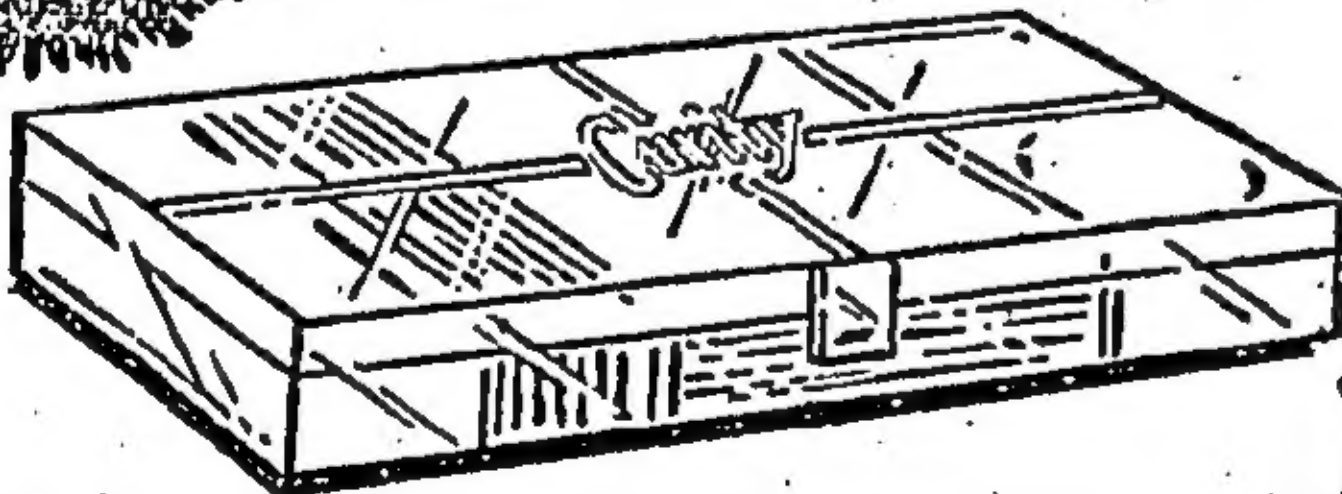
THE PREMIER MEETS THE SHAH—Italian Premier Alcide De Gasperi, left, greets the much-decorated Shah of Persia, Reza Pahlavi, at their meeting in Rome. Gasperi later added the Italian War Cross to the impressive collection of medals on the Persian ruler's chest.



BEAUTY DIET—Connie Ronee, 18-year-old beauty who will represent New York City in the "Miss America" pageant in Atlantic City, begins a carrot and carrot juice dinner. She claims it will be a daily ritual until the day of the contest.

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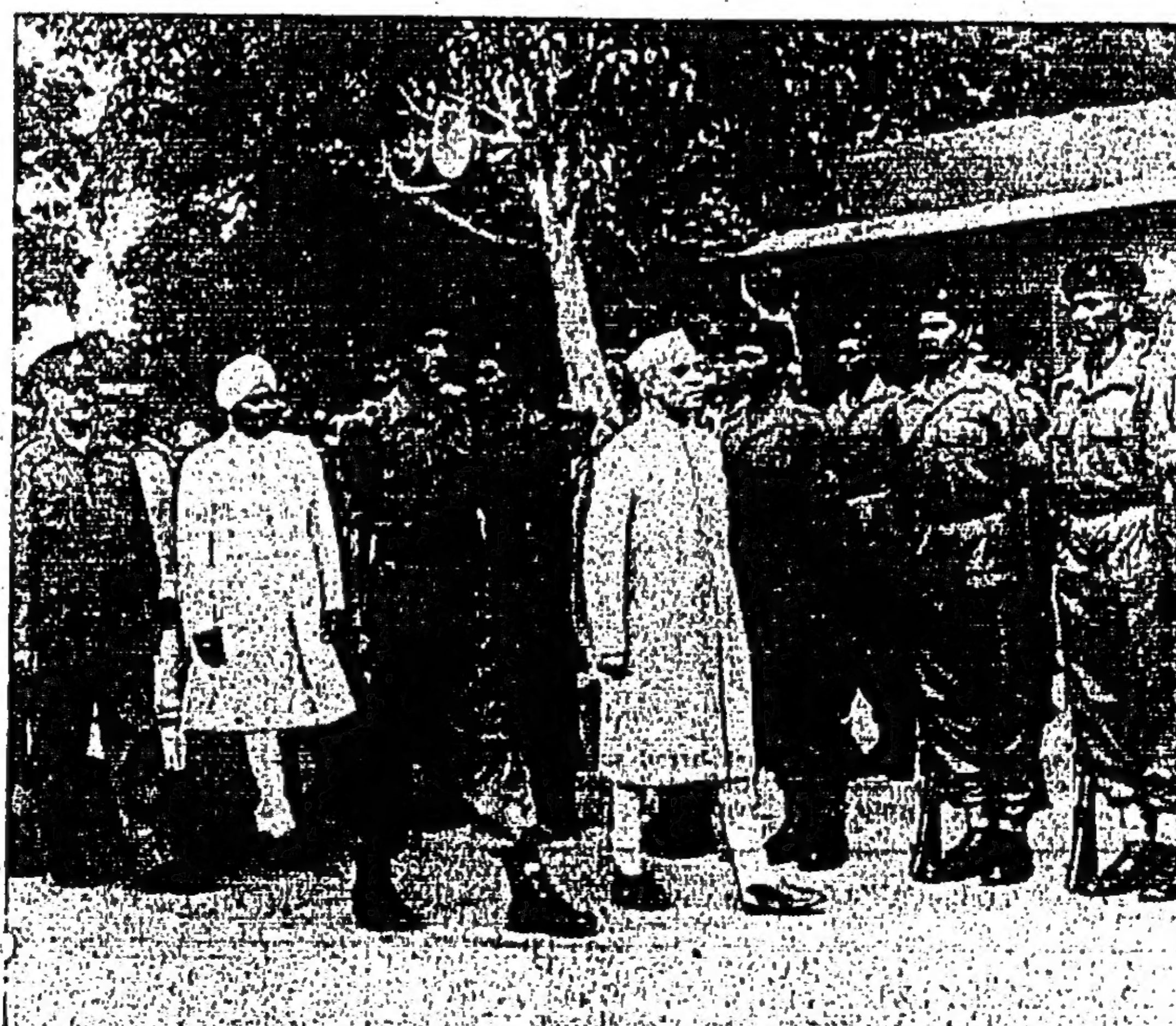


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INSPECTION IN INDIA—India's Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru reviews troops of a crack Indian rifle regiment in Bombay. The review was also attended by high British officials. General Sir Roy Dugger, British Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, attired in conventional British Army officers' bush jacket, is at extreme left.

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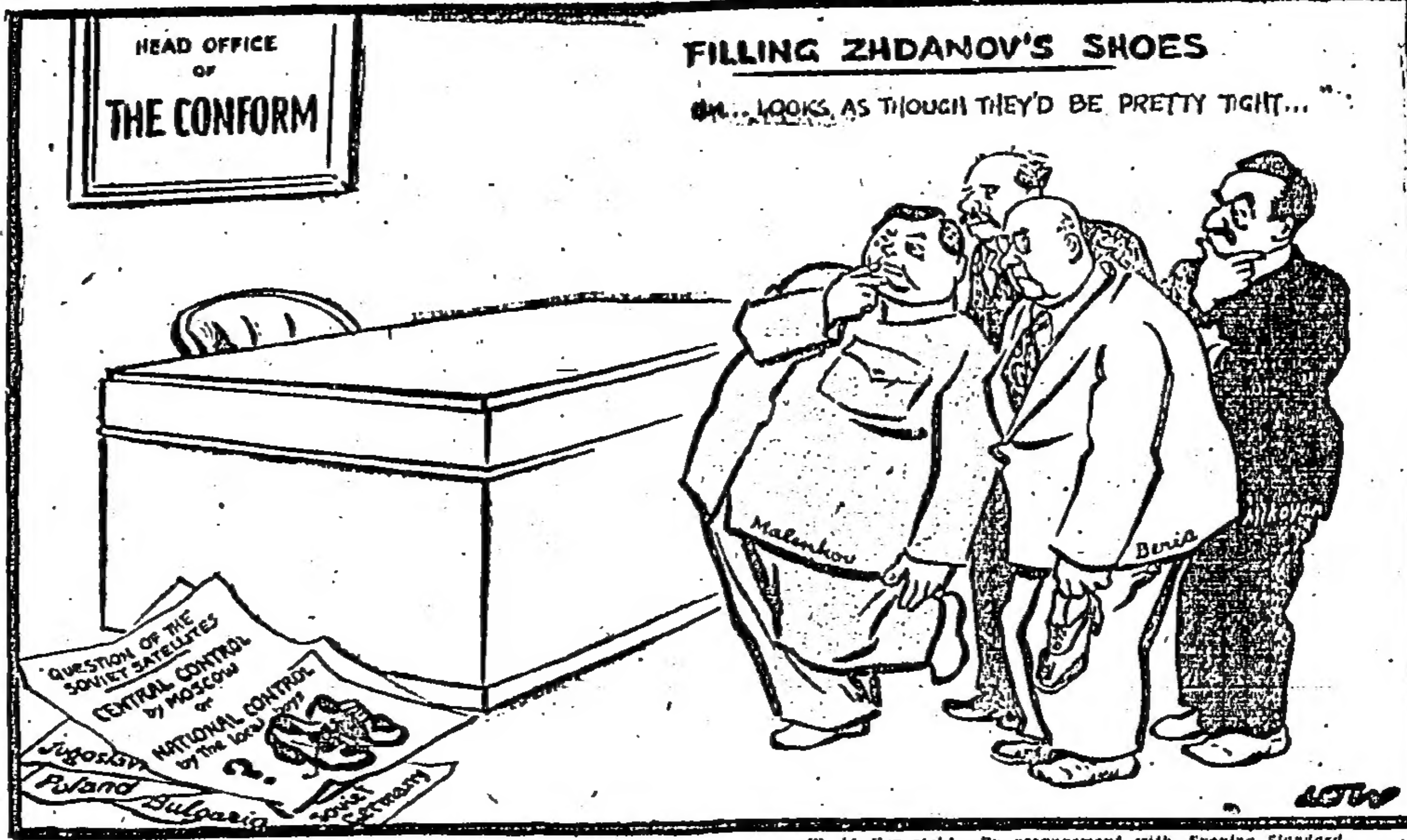
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The Velvet Glove Behind The Iron Curtain

This is the second of three dispatches on the Iron Curtain city of Budapest and the satellite undercurrent in the country.

By Rosette Hargrove

MOSCOW'S iron hand has been kept in the velvet glove, so far, in her dealings with Hungary. The Communist party is strong in Hungary, and follows the Kremlin line as closely as any outside Russia. But communism has not yet taken any drastic form.

Hungarians concede that there has been no sign of any reign of terror. There have been no mass arrests, no serious action against political opponents, though those who listen to the foreign broadcasts have been warned, and when Hungarians talk to foreigners in public they keep an eye over their shoulders to see who may be eavesdropping.

Men and women in liberal professions and the civil service are being "encouraged" to join the Party, and they know instinctively that it may be embarrassing if they decline.

The Gray Card

I HAD no difficulty getting permission to come this far behind the iron curtain. It proved easier to get the Hungarian visa and the necessary Soviet "gray card" than to get travel orders for Vienna. The purchase of a voucher for the international fair in celebration of a century of independence au-

tomatically entitles the holder to a visa. Passports, customs and exchange examinations at the border were fast and courteous. Visitors must report at once to fair headquarters to have their passports stamped.

All enterprises employing over 100 persons, unless for-ign-owned, have been taken without payment by the government. In 1945 farming feudalism was ended by taking 2,004,171 hectares of land (almost 4,500,000 acres) from owners of big estates, and another 300,000 hectares (almost 750,000 acres) from war criminals. That totalled about a third of Hungary's arable land. This was divided among 650,000 "proletarians" and the government says it is giving a living to some three out of Hungary's more than nine million inhabitants.

Half the country's arable land used to be owned by about 12,000 persons, while the other half was divided among more than 1,000,000 owners. Three millions, including women and children, either owned no land or had less than two acres each, and worked as farm hands. Now there are no big estates left. An occasional person who was especially active in the resistance movement has up to 171 hectares, but most farms now are not over 57 hectares (140 acres).



These schoolgirls are having a black bread snack in the dormitory of one of the "People's Colleges" for peasant and proletarian youth.

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IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

By Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

UNEASINESS prevails in the ranks of Labour regarding the Prime Minister's fitness for the tasks ahead of him. The Downing-street statement suggests a lack of nervous strength. Mr Attlee, as head of his Government, has proved himself in every sense a key man of that Administration.

His sincerity and the soundness of his judgment are now taken for granted in the Labour movement as a whole.

He has been very successful in maintaining peace and concord in a Cabinet which contains a number of forceful and, possibly, clashing personalities.

It would be a major misfortune for the party if, with international problems what they are, and a general election not so very far away, lack of health obliged the Premier to relinquish his leadership.

IN such an unhappy contingency Mr Morrison would appear to me to be the inevitable successor.

The Lord President is a more aggressive personality than Mr Attlee, and no doubt has more rivals and enemies, but both in Parliament and in the country Labour recognises him as the heir-apparent to the leadership.

There are those who speak of other Richmonds in the field, naming Ernest Bevin, Stafford Cripps, Hugh Dalton and Aneurin Bevan, according to fancy.

But Herbert Morrison is undoubtedly the odds-on favourite.

DIRECT approach to Stalin (the alleged sovereign remedy for every impasse between East and West) has been tried on a number of occasions, but has proved sadly unproductive of result.

The question is, What now? And after these prolonged negotiations nobody yet knows the answer. But answer there must be.

MRS FREDA CORBET Labour M. P. for N. W. Camberwell, has received no small distinction in being made one of the British alternate delegates for the General Assembly of UNO in Paris this month.

A little woman of 42 (she has no false modesty about her age), with a brisk, businesslike air, she is a bundle of energy.

Consider her record. She was a teacher and lecturer, holding a B. A. honours degree in History.

She found time to become a barrister as long ago as 1931, and has been active as a juvenile court magistrate.

NOW, in addition to being M. P., she is a member of the L. C. C., of which body she is Chief Labour Whip.

She is also secretary of the group of London Labour M. P.s, and holds other party offices.

No! I cannot say how Mrs Corbet fills in her spare time.

NEW YORK LETTER:

OFFERS ROLL IN TO MRS KOSENKINA

By FREDERICK COOK

New York, Sept. 15.

ALTHOUGH Mrs Oksana Kosenkina—the Russian woman teacher who flamed in the Soviet Consulate "kidnapping" episode—refused to let the Soviet Consulate here pay even a proportion of her hospital bills, she need not worry where the money is coming from.

She has had an avalanche of offers from newspapers, magazines, radio companies, book publishers, film studios, and even vaudeville impresarios. They are all being filed for future scrutiny.

President Truman is having his portrait painted in oils. The artist is Tade Szyka, the Pole who painted Paderewski, Foch, Clemenceau and many other notables. Szyka says Mr Truman has been giving him one hour every morning, in his upstairs study, and has been "very accommodating."

Hollywood gossip is that the main item of news there is not the arrests on marijuana cigarette charges, but the appalling number of defaults on home mortgages: the little backstreet homes of studio workers, not the swimming-pool and private yacht basin palaces of the few dozen who run the movie business.

A new fluorescent sun lamp for use in a special "beauty cabinet" is announced here. Idea is that user steps into the cabinet, sits down for two minutes, and walks out with a brand new tan.

Prices of seats on the New York Stock Exchange are slipping. One has just changed hands for £14,750, which was £250 lower than the last sale, in July.

Bricklayers, on the other hand, are getting more and more. Their pay has just been fixed, by a Supreme Court arbitration award, at £6 15s. a day. Yes, a day, not a week.

Monty Woolley urges all men to grow a beard. "It is a way of defying women, very satisfying to the soul to raise something they can't," he says.

Broadway columnist Danton Walker says the BBC refuse to standard because they are "too busy beating America on colour television."

By Ernie Bushmiller



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WEST POINT GODOWN FIRE LATEST

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Buildings

DEATH TOLL MOUNTS TO 140

This morning, more than 48 hours after the first explosion, firemen were still pouring water into the burnt-out Wing On godown at West Point.

The total number of known deaths has now risen to 140. A body discovered in the lane between the godown and the ruined tenement building this morning is believed to be the Wing On company's No. 1 coolie.

A total of 14 people have died in Queen Mary Hospital, and a further 10 are on the danger list.

Entry to the Royal Inter-Ocean Lines building, next door to the godown, is still barred owing to the dangerous state of the western wall of the godown, which is leaning visibly outwards.

It is still impossible to enter the smouldering building to examine the damage, but it is thought likely that the whole building will have to be demolished.

The tenement building in Des Voeux Road West does not appear to be so badly damaged.

Theatre Fire

THREE DEAD AND
NINE INJURED

Casualties at the Pei Ho Theatre fire in Shamshuipo last night now total three persons dead and nine injured (of whom six are still in hospital).

The three men fatally injured were believed to be foks of the theatre. They were apparently trapped by the flames. One jumped from the rear of the premises before the arrival of the Fire Brigade and sustained severe injuries. Both legs were broken and the skull was fractured. He died soon after admission to hospital.

Eye witnesses of the tragedy say that a great sheet of flame, originating at the back of the stage, shot up an adjacent concrete staircase and enveloped several rooms above. A performance was in progress and the horrified audience saw tongues of fire licking the cinema screen. However, the fire curtain was lowered immediately and theatre attendants quickly got their heads popping on the flames.

WILD RUSH

The audience made a wild rush for the exits, which fortunately were both spacious and handy. No-one was killed in the stampede. Mute evidence of their precipitate flight was to be seen this morning at the main entrance to the theatre in Pei Ho Street and also outside the side exits in Fok Wah Street. Stairs and pavement were littered with hundreds of pairs of shoes. Clogs for the most part, here and there could be seen black and brown leather shoes. One pair still had its laces securely tied.

Little material damage was done by the fire, this being attributed to the fact that the building is of concrete and the conflagration only involved celluloid films.

It is conjectured that a quantity of films behind the screen became ignited and an intensely hot wave of exploding gas tore up the rear staircase, blasting anything inflammable en route. The theatre's film store-room is situated in the top of the rear part of the building but it escaped damage.

BURNED TO ASHES

Films lying about in a neighbouring workshop, however, were burned to ashes. Curiously enough, in the same room a number of thin wooden racks were untouched by the fire.

The fire call was received at 9.20 p.m. and four engines were quickly on the scene. Station Officer Cayns was in charge until the arrival of Divisional Officer Seymour. Within half an hour the fire was completely under control.

Police afterwards cordoned the area off with portable wooden and iron barriers.

Presentation
To Governor

At Government House this morning Mr. Y. A. Oldham Jr., Assistant District Traffic Manager of Pan-American World Airways, presented His Excellency the Governor with a souvenir piece of California Redwood, over 2,000 years old.

The presentation was in honour of the inauguration of the International Parcel Post Service.

The Governor was also presented with an explanatory letter and descriptive literature on California. Mr. Oldham explained that at present it was only possible to have parcels sent by PAA to Hongkong and not from the Colony to the United States. He hoped that the Hongkong Post Office would soon follow the International Parcel Post Service lead. The rates he said, were 25 cents (US) per 1/2 oz. for air mail letters, and US\$1.74 for the first four ounces, parcel post, and for each additional four ounces, US\$1.39, to Hongkong.

Hard Labour
For CPO Who
Stole Paper

Remarking that the circumstances of the case did not justify giving any of the defendants the option of a fine Mr. H. H. Lo at Central this morning sentenced Harvey Cyril Gough, 36, Chief Petty Officer of HMS Tamar, to six months' hard labour for the theft of 10,000 reams of paper from the underground stationery store at Combined Services Headquarters on divers dates between September 9 and 16.

The coolies, Li Sai-hin, 28, and Li Fat, 23, were each sentenced to three months for aiding and abetting Gough in the offence. It was stated that the value of the paper was valued at \$10,000 and only \$4,224 worth was recovered.

In passing sentence, Mr. Lo said: "A conviction on a charge of this nature entails most serious consequences. But of course, a man must be held responsible for the consequences of his own act."

Defendants in this case have pleaded guilty to their respective charges and have submitted their pleas for mercy.

DUTY TO THE PUBLIC

I shall be falling in my duty towards the public, if the sentence of the Court imposed on each of you is devoid of any desired deterrent effect. The first defendant stated in his plea for leniency that he had committed this crime, not for his own good but for the good of certain superior officers. It is immaterial whether this allegation could be substantiated. No doubt, the Police will make investigation into this matter. Whatever may be the result of such investigation that clearly affords no legal ground for committing the offence charged. In passing the sentence to fit the crime the Court has taken in consideration the other aspects of first defendant's plea for mercy, namely his long service and good record and the suffering sustained by his wife through no fault of her own.

Second and third defendants have in the course of their plea in mitigation stated that they had assisted first defendant in the carrying out of this felonious act under the threat or pain of dismissal for any disobedience shown on their part at the material times.

However, this may be true or perhaps it can be denied. I still think that such plea discloses no valid ground for justification.

The circumstances of the case do not justify giving any of the defendants the option of a fine.

PENILESS
CANADIAN

Edward Beck, 32, of Galt, Canada, appeared before Mr. d'Almeida at Central this morning on a vagrancy charge.

Beck voluntarily reported to the Western Police Station on September 23 that he was practically penniless and had no means of subsistence. He had come over on the ss General Meigs from Canada and went to Union in December last year where he worked on a farm. He returned to Hongkong on September 22 as he had a vague promise of employment as typist. His passport and immigration papers were all in order and his real wish was to return to Canada where he had relatives.

Mr. Kenneth Noble, Canadian Trade Commissioner, had been informed but had replied that he could not offer any assistance as Beck had travelled on the ss General Meigs as a passenger.

The defendant was ordered to be detained in the house of detention until his relatives in Canada were contacted and arrangements made for his passage back to Canada.

BERNADOTTE PLAN
FOR UN AGENDA

Paris, Sept. 23.—The Steering Committee of the United Nations General Assembly tonight unanimously recommended to place on the agenda of the Assembly Count Bernadotte's Palestine report and the questions of a United Nations Guard and compensation for casualties amongst United Nations' personnel. The future of the former Italian colonies was also unanimously added to the agenda.—Reuter.



Hands tied behind his back, Col. Tsi Tsai-yu, former head of the 6th Investigation Corps of the Chinese Army at Shanghai, is led by guards to his execution on the outskirts of Shanghai. He was found guilty of extortion and abusing his official position after an army court martial.—AP Picture.

GUN-TOTING
IN KUALA
LUMPUR

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 23.—The picturesque frontier days of America's wild west have reappeared in this capital of the Malayan Federation.

Gun-toting is now part of the daily costume, sometimes dubbed the "new look," since Communist-led insurgents opened their campaign in the Malayan peninsula. No longer is it uncommon to watch men saunter through swinging bar doors with two pistols strapped to their hips.

The only thing missing are the horses. Instead, these leather-tanned rubber planters and tin miners drive up in automobiles, with the windows down and the snout of a rifle pointing out.

SHOPPING WITH RIFLE

Nor is it uncommon to watch a young couple walk into a large downtown department store while carrying a rifle.

Store managers take no notice. "If we thought everyone entering our shop with a gun was a potential robber," one manager said, "we would never do any business these hectic days."

Invited to a home on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, you no longer first greet your host with a friendly handshake. Instead, you first say "Hello, there. Where shall I put my gun?"

After the gun-disposal ceremony, you start with the customary pleasantries between guest and host. For travelling purposes, the gun has replaced the proverbial toothbrush in Malaya.

Even correspondents, noted for their scrupulous neutrality in all chases, carry guns. Rules of warfare do not apply in guerrilla campaigns.—United Press.

Letters To
The Editor

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I read the papers from end to end, And back again I slowly mend, I do the puzzles and read the news, And lastly, the "adds" I gaily peruse.

The "adds" are the point I have in mind, From front to back I seldom find, An advert which beholds a price, For business now, that's not so nice!

I see a watch, I like its look, Maybe a pen, a ring, or a book, To get the price I'd have to walk Around the town, at that, I balk!

And so the watch I do without, Because the price is just in doubt, I'm bound to say:— So as usual, buy, some other day! "JOHN BAILEY."

RECALLED FOR
CONSULTATIONS

Washington, Sept. 23.—The U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, General Walter Bedell Smith, is being recalled to Washington for consultations.

The State Department said he is expected by plane on Friday. General Smith left Moscow several days ago and flew to Paris where he has already conferred with the U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall on the Soviet blockade of Berlin.—Associated Press.

NEW TREATMENTS FOR
MENTAL DISORDERS

Boston, Sept. 23.—Two new treatments, one surgical, the other electro-therapeutic, are proving helpful in the treatment of mental disorders.

The surgical operation is known as the "ice-pick" treatment. The new technique is now being used in South Dakota, Washington and West Virginia state mental hospitals.

The operation, while performed directly on the brain is simple enough, doctors say, to be performed by any surgeon on the hospital staff. Most brain operations must be done by a specialist.

The operation gets its name from the use of a special surgical instrument, resembling a common ice pick.

This is driven carefully upward through the eye socket—without damaging the eye—into the brain, then it is moved from side to side cutting certain brain tissues, and withdrawn. The skull is not opened and the entire operation requires only five to 10 minutes. The effect of the operation is to cut through a section of the brain, cutting through old thought patterns which caused insanity.

New patterns can be developed through recreational, occupational and other standard types of treatment.

Some doctors disapprove of this method, however. They say that it decreases intelligence. They prefer electric shock.

Twenty persons receiving shocks for split personality troubles all afterward showed greatly improved intelligence ratings. Their strange ideas, one of the signs of split personality, declined. They concentrated better.—Associated Press.

Bodies Found
After 5 Years

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 23.—The bodies of 11 men and a fortune in gold bullion and currency were reported to have been found in the wreckage of a United States transport plane which had been missing for five years in the mountains of Northwestern Canada.

Mrs. H. Smith said her husband telephoned her from Edmonton that a ground party had reached a C-47 Dakota and dug bullion and currency from the snow and put it under guard, preparatory to turning it over to the authorities. The plane was presumed to be a Dakota transport which disappeared on February 5, 1943, on a wartime flight from British Columbia to the Yukon territory. At that time it was reported that the plane carried some US\$500,000 to pay Army troops in Alaska.

U.S. Air Force officials in Washington did not confirm the report, but said they were investigating.

The wreck was discovered 200 miles north of Fort St John, 20 miles from Tunesdo Lake.—United Press.

Tsinan Walled City Turned
Into A Sea Of Flames

Shanghai, Sept. 24.—The eastern section of the once prosperous business centre west of Tsinan walled city was turned into a sea of flames as Nationalist war planes bombed the area and cut off the Communist vanguard of an estimated 1,000 men, who infiltrated in heavy street fighting to within a few hundred yards of the ancient city wall, according to Chinese press reports today.

The reports said that the Nationalists have successfully checked the Communist vanguard and are at present counter-attacking in an effort to wipe out the attackers before the Red main force could penetrate a path through the burning houses to reach the foot of the walled city.

On other sectors of the Tsinan front, Government troops were reported to be holding suburban strong posts and were still in command of several heights from where heavy guns were lobbing shells on Communist positions.

However, the situation was admittedly grave south of the walled city, at which the Communists have pressed Government positions in the vicinity of the American missionary-operated Cheloo University campus and forced their way closer to the walled city.

Soviet Bloc
Seek To
Oust Franco

Paris, September, 23.—Poland served notice in the United Nations General Assembly today that the Soviet bloc would renew its fight for strong UN steps aimed at ousting General Franco from power in Spain.

The Polish Foreign Minister, M. Szymunt Modzelewski, charged in the first Slav speech in the Assembly's general debate that "recently there were signs that some of the member states of the UN tend in a demonstrative way, to strengthen the Fascist regime."

He said that in placing the Franco question on the Assembly agenda this session, he would press for new measures to back the previous UN resolution, barring Franco from UN membership and the 1946 resolution calling on the UN countries to withdraw their Ambassadors and Ministers from Madrid.

"I could refer to many instances of penetration into Spain of an economic, political or military character," he said. "Such penetration renders the danger spot created by the Fascist dictatorship of Franco even more acute. The issue of peace is to stop Fascism and its adventurous character has always been and still remains a danger-to-peace."

M. Modzelewski did not say what measures Poland would ask the Assembly to approve.—United Press.

Ricksha Coolies'
Fare Demand

Shanghai, Sept. 24.—Shanghai ricksha pullers and pedicab men are so insistent in their demand for higher prices that the municipal social affairs bureau has taken the matter under consideration. The pullers and pedicab men say they need more money because police have hiked standard fares for traffic violations from CN\$100,000 (less than one US cent) to one Gold Yuan (25 US cents).—Associated Press.

Millionaire Hanged

Baghdad, Sept. 23.—Shafiq Ades, described as an Iraqi millionaire, was publicly hanged in Basra today after being found guilty of supplying arms and war equipment to Zionists.—Reuter.

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EMERGENCY PREPARING FOR

(Continued from Page 1)

The Deputy Conservative chief, charged recently that the announced plan to retain the British selection for an additional three months was "only a stop gap proposal because the Government had not really the slightest idea of what to do."

"So far" as the organization of forces is concerned, Mr. Eden declared, "I would like to see consideration given to the appointment of one man to bring all aspects of the services together as General Eisenhower did during the war."

An Admiralty spokesman told a press conference that the Navy planned to increase its present reserve of 14,000 officers and men to 75,000. It was added that this figure does not include the Royal Fleet reserve which has the strength of about 17,000.

The spokesman said that the limit for reserve has been dropped from 18 to 17. He said that all other branches of the reserve are also to be strengthened.—United Press.

COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

LITTLE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE SPRINT STARS

Shauna Anderson swam her way to a new Colony record for the 50 Yards Free Style at the Victoria Recreation Club pool yesterday but the evening's excitement was packed in the five heats of the Men's 50 Yards Free Style, all won in under 26 seconds and two in very close finishes.

This improved on the former Colony record of 31 seconds flat set by Vivienne Churn in 1941.

Gerry Roza-Perreira was the first qualifier, winning rather easily in 25 3/5 seconds and George Saunders, the Colony record-holder, the second in the best time of the evening—25.2 seconds.

The third heat was the first to see a really close race and this was a corker. Sonny Monteiro, who in 25 3/5 seconds just ahead of Choi Lee-hung and Chan Chiu-cheung of the Chinese YMCA, just a touch behind in an identical 25 4/5 seconds.

The fourth heat was just as thrilling with Cheung Wai-lam of Eastern just ahead of Lau Tai-ping of Lai Tsun as both were caught in 25 4/5 seconds.

An extra heat was thrown in at the end of the evening's programme to decide which of the three—Choi Lee-hung, Chan Chiu-cheung and Lau Tai-ping—was to get the fifth berth in the Colony Championship final and the evening's struggle—almost stroke for stroke all the way—saw Lau Tai-ping emerge winner in the second fastest time of the evening—25 2/5 seconds—a touch ahead of Choi.

The final should see 25 seconds neatly shaved.

THE GIRLS AT LAST!

The girls, finally confronted with an event in which most of the opposition had not bucked out, had a chance to strut their stuff. Heather Anderson won the first heat in 31 seconds, a respectable but not a sensational time, and well ahead of Wong Yuen-ling, a fancied performer, swimming for the Chinese YMCA.

It was sister Shauna who really went to town in the second heat with a 20 3/5 seconds performance, the fastest ever in Hongkong. This against opposition from University's Mammie Leung, not particularly fancied at the short sprint, who was dragged to a 31 4/5 seconds effort.

The Lai Tsun Swimming Association star, Lau Tai-ping, who fought his way into his fifth final yesterday, led the qualifiers in the 100 Yards Breast Stroke and the second heat was the winner, Chan Chiu-cheung of Chinese YMCA, who was clocked in 72 2/5 seconds.

S.B. Mitford, turning in the second fastest time in both the Junior 100 Yards Free Style and Back Stroke, capped off with these performances an all-round effort that saw him qualify for six out of seven Junior finals.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP

Women's 50 Yards Free Style
Heat 1.—1. Heather Anderson (VRC) 31 sec.; 2. Wong Yuen-ling (Chinese YMCA) 32 1/5 sec.
Heat 2.—1. Shauna Anderson (VRC) 20 3/5 sec. (New Colony Record); 2. Leung Oi-mui (University) 31 4/5 sec.; 3. Cynthia Eager (VRC) 33 1/5 sec.

100 Yards Breast Stroke
Heat 1.—1. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun) 71 2/5 sec.; 2. Gerry Roza-Perreira (VRC) 71 3/5 sec.; 3. G. Randall (VRC) 78 3/5 sec.
Heat 2.—1. Chan Chiu-cheung (Chinese YMCA) 72 2/5 sec.; 2. Johnnie Yanovich (VRC) 77 4/5 sec.; 3. G.P. Blenkinsop (VRC) 83 3/5 sec.

50 Yards Free Style
Heat 1.—1. Gerry Roza-Perreira (VRC) 25 3/5 sec.; 2. A.V. Lopes (VRC) 26 3/5 sec.; 3. E.G.P. Guest (VRC) 26 4/5 sec.
Heat 2.—1. George Saunders (VRC) 25 1/5 sec.; 2. Wong Chiu-hung (Eastern) 26 sec.; 3. J.E. Gomes (VRC) 26 1/5 sec.
Heat 3.—1. Sonny Monteiro (VRC) 25 3/5 sec.; 2. Choi Li-hang

Coming Events In The Sports World

TODAY

Lawn Bowls League—First Division: CCC v. IRC at Happy Valley.

TOMORROW

Football—First Division: Army v. Kwong Wah at Sookunpoo; CAA v. Club at Boundary Street; South China "B" v. Kit Chee at Caroline Hill; St. Joseph's v. Eastern at Happy Valley (Kick-off at 6.30 p.m. for all matches).

Second Division: Trunway v. Army (Kowloon) at Sookunpoo; South China v. War Department Chinese at Caroline Hill; PCA v. Solicitors at St. Joseph's; University v. Club at Happy Valley (Kick-off at 4 p.m. for all matches).

Cricket—Interport trial at HKCC, 1.30 p.m.
Swimming—Colony Championship Finals at Victoria Recreation Club, 9.30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Football—First Division: South China "A" v. Police at Caroline Hill; RAF v. Navy at Sookunpoo (Kick-off at 5.30 p.m.).
Second Division: Kitchee v. Dockyard at Caroline Hill; KMB v. Navy at Boundary Street; Tai Kok v. Police at St. Joseph's (Kick-off at 4 p.m.).
Cricket—Interport Trial at HKCC.

(Chinese YMCA) 25 4/5 sec.; 3. Chan Chiu-cheung (Chinese YMCA) 25 4/5 sec.
Heat 4.—1. Cheung Wai-lam (Eastern) 25 4/5 sec.; 2. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun) 25 4/5 sec.; 3. Hul Ying-cheung (University) 28 1/5 sec.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

100 Yards Back Stroke
Heat 1.—1. E. Guterres 40 4/5; 2. J. Gomes 40 2/5; 3. A. McEwen 47.
Heat 2.—S.B. Mitford 42 1/5; 2. D. Collaco 43 3/5.

100 Yards Free Style
Heat 1.—1. A. McEwen 45; 2. E. Ho 46 1/5.
Heat 2.—C. Guterres 45; 2. G.P. Blenkinsop 47 1/5.
Heat 3.—E. Guest 43 1/5; 2. E.C. Tavares 46 1/5.
Heat 4.—S.B. Mitford 45 2/5; 2. A.E. de Sousa 46 4/5.

Baseball

New York, Sept. 23.—The hapless Chicago White Sox made a contribution in the wild American League pennant scramble today when they dumped New York Yankees 4-2 and thus prevented a three-way deadlock for the lead.

Yankees tumbled a full game behind the Cleveland and Boston, with only eight games remaining on the schedule.

Frank Papias, whose only other victory this season was over St. Louis Browns, held the world champions to six hits. Chicago won in the fourth on singles by Luke Appling, Ralph Weigel and Tuffy Wright, a sacrifice by Cass Michaels and a double by Don Kellaway. Bob Porterfield allowed only one hit during his four inning relief stint.

In the only other American League afternoon game, Detroit Tigers rode to an 8-7 victory over Philadelphia Athletics on a triple by George Vico in the ninth inning.

In the National League, Brooklyn Dodgers moved to within one percentage point of second place Cardinals by downing New York Giants 7-1 in the final meeting of the year between the interborough rivals.

Johnny Mize tied Pittsburgh's Ralph Kiner for the League's homer title when he hoisted his 30th.

THE SCORES

American League
New York Yankees . . . 4 2 0
Chicago White Sox . . . 2 4 0
Yankees: p. Lopat, Porterfield; c. Niarhos.
White Sox: p. Papias; c. Weigel.
Philadelphia Athletics 7 1 0
Detroit Tigers . . . 8 10 0
Athletics: p. Holbrook; c. Rosar.
Tigers: p. Gray, Pierce; c. Ginsberg.

National League
Brooklyn Dodgers . . . 7 12 0
New York Giants . . . 1 11 0
Dodgers: p. Hatten, Pallen, Roe; c. Campanella.
Giants: p. Kennedy, Trinkle; c. Yvars, Westrum—United Press.

HOW THEY STAND

National League
Boston 86 59 .593
Brooklyn 80 67 .544
St. Louis 79 68 .545
Pittsburgh 78 69 .542
New York 75 71 .514
Philadelphia 63 83 .432
Cincinnati 60 83 .420
Chicago 60 85 .414
American League
Boston 91 55 .623
Cleveland 91 55 .623
New York 90 56 .616
Philadelphia 83 68 .557
Detroit 56 87 .392
Washington 52 95 .354
Chicago 47 97 .326

HOME FOOTBALL

London, Sept. 23.—The following were the results of football matches played today:

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)
Notts County 1. Swindon Town 2
THIRD DIVISION (Northern)
Doncaster R. 0. Crewe Alex. 1

RUGBY LEAGUE
St. Helen's 41. Liverpool S. 0

AUSTRALIAN TOUR.
Hull 3. Australians 13

RUGBY UNION
Swansea 6. Newbridge 3

COUNTY MATCH
Oxfordshire 0. Gloucestershire 24

CHESS CLUB'S YEAR

The third post-war annual general meeting of members of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday, September 30, commencing at 6 p.m. sharp.

In its annual report, the Club records the revival in the past year of the Colony Open Chess Championship and the death of the Kowloon Chess Club's Hon. Secretary for many years, the late Mr. Alexander Kurrik, a staunch pillar upon whose shoulders the local chess world had rested for a decade.

The report says, in part: "We regret to record the death during the year under review of two of the Club's most popular members, the late Mr. Alexander Kurrik, for many years Hon. Secretary of the Club and one of its oldest members, and the late Mr. Jose Grefalda, both chess enthusiasts and good friends. "These sad events were the only unhappy ones in a year that saw the revival of both the Club Championship and the Colony Open Championship.

"The revival of the latter Championship was made possible through the kind co-operation in reorganization of the Colony Chess Championship Committee given us by Mr. B. C. Field of the Victoria Chess Club at whose office (The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency, Co., Ltd.) the committee meetings were held.

"Throughout the year, it was impossible to find opponents for inter-club matches and the suggestion has now been put forward that the Club would stage bi-annual or quarterly matches between residents of Kowloon and of Hongkong, these being open to all players resident in the Colony.

"For the first year in many, the Club lacks on its roll a single member from any of the three Services and would like to put on record the fact that its doors are always open to the Services.

"The Annual Dinner was held on December 10 and was attended by 33 members and their guests. Three ladies were present and Mrs. K.M.A. Barnett, wife of the president, gave away the prizes for the year's tournaments.

"This summer the Club started chess classes for children which were met with an enthusiastic response from the general public, a total of some 30 children attending the sessions.

"The assets of the Club for the financial year ending August 31, 1948, are \$908.56.

"Before closing the report, we have again, as so often before, to thank the management of the Peninsula Hotel for having accommodated us and for having placed at our disposal a very generous allotment of furniture. The Committee and Club are very grateful.

"Tournaments held during the year were the Colony Championship, the Colony Reserve Tournament, the Club Championship and Club Premier Reserves Tournament. Results were:

Colony Championship:

F. X. Sequeira 7 1/2 points; K. M. A. Barnett 7; L. Schure 5 1/2; R. C. Danenberg & J. P. de Carvalho 4 each; P. K. Prokopov 2.

Ten other contestants were eliminated in the qualifying round.

Colony Reserve Tournament: D. E. de Carvalho 10; L. Karvovitz 7; A. Brinkhoff & V. N. Douneff 6 each; Arthur Tausz 4 1/2; Karel Weiss 4; Arthur Gomes 4; V. V. Kolotchoff & R. W. Carter 4 each; Jacob Ramler 2; A. Archangelisky 1.

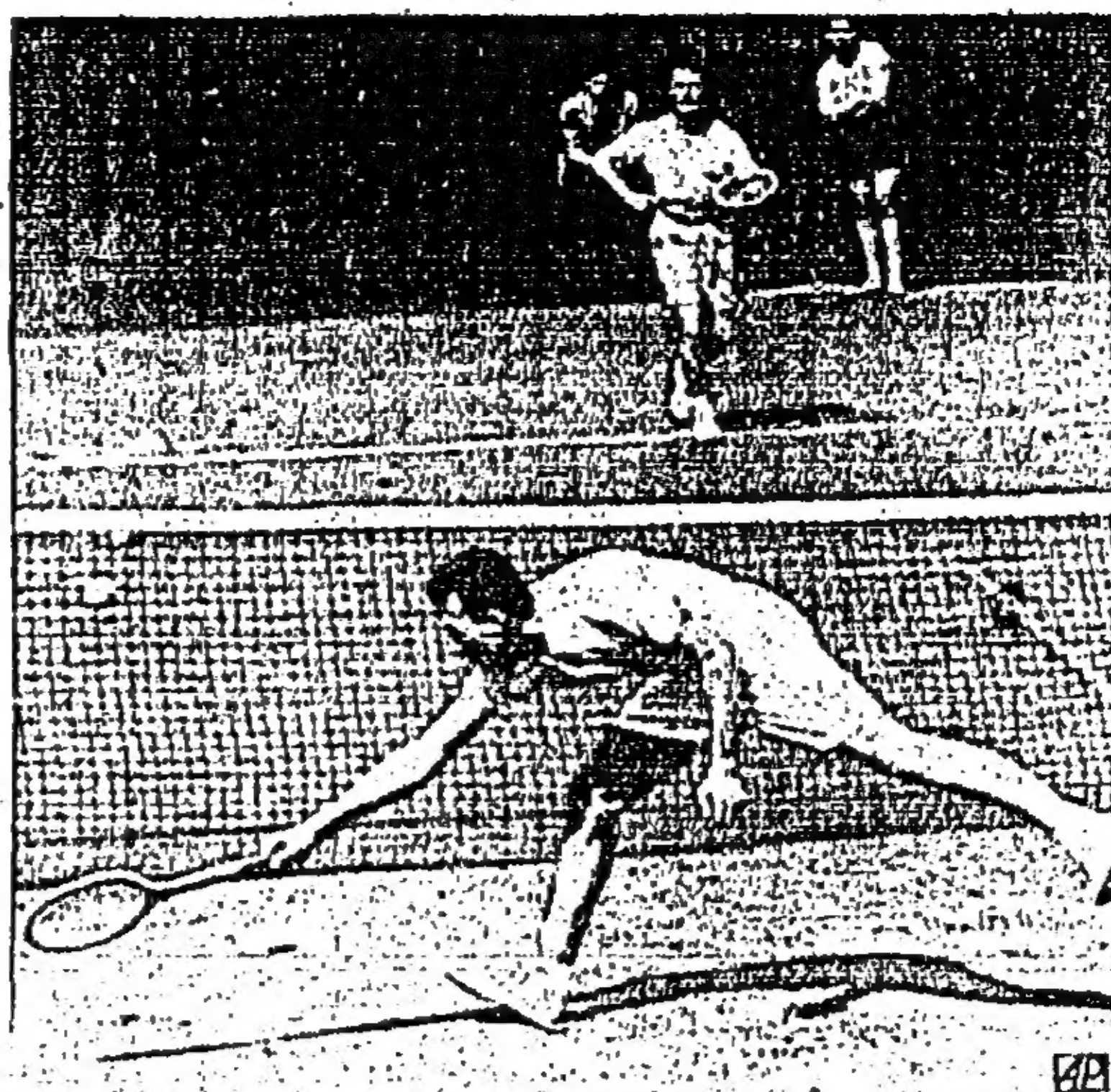
Club Championship: K. M. A. Barnett 4 1/2; Alex. Nelson 4; Karel Weiss 2; T. Yu-lau 1 1/2.

Club Premier Reserves: V. N. Douneff 8; H. Ballerand 6 1/2; Eugene Tausz 6; P. K. Prokopov 5; L. Schure & J. P. de Carvalho 4 1/2 each; M. Feldman 4; Arthur Gomes 3; V. V. Kolotchoff 2; A. Archangelisky 1.

CORRECTION

The credit balance standing in the name of the Hongkong Badminton Association was incorrectly given in yesterday's report in the Telegraph. The correct figures should read \$1,374.38.

THE STRETCH DID IT



Fred Kovaleski (forecourt) of Hamtramck, Mich., swings low at the net as he stretches to make return during second round match with Earl Cochell (far court) of San Francisco in Men's National Singles Tennis Championships at Forest Hills, N.Y. Cochell was extended to five sets before winning, 4-6, 8-6, 4-6, 6-4, and 6-3.—AP Wirephoto.

Olympic Games Film Should Not Be Missed

Castleton Knight's "The XIVth Olympiad: The Glory of Sport" opens its run today at the Queen's and Lee Theatres. Meant to be a documentary, it is such to a certain extent but it is, above all, a spectacle almost in the DeMille tradition.

Mr Knight's effort is a remarkably good one. Many will go away disappointed for having missed just the event or events that they wished to see.

A very small part of the Games is actually documented but the effort to maintain a trend of story from start to finish, condensed into two screen hours, necessitates this.

A documentary of the Olympic Games at London alone would have required a film that could have run for five or six hours with the preliminaries in the various events cut out.

Whatever the disappointments in store, the film should not be missed and parents will be doing their children a disservice by not permitting them an opportunity to view one of the most colourful sports pageants ever screened.

Much of Mr Knight's effort was directed at giving every one of the 50 and more countries that participated in the Games a brief glimpse at least of one of their particular stars.

As a good many of the nations that went to the Games won not a laurel, this has necessitated shots of athletes who were colourful rather than successful at the expense of some of the thrilling finals that many would have wished to see.

WINTER GAMES

The film starts with the Winter Games at St. Moritz and devotes some 20 or 30 minutes to these. Mr Knight can hardly be blamed for so much emphasis on a section of the Games of more interest to the nations that know what snow looks like.

Some of the scenes here are of a spectacular, breathtaking beauty and put into the shadow anything that Hollywood has managed with similar background.

Much of the film's spectacular effects is captured here and it becomes a debatable point whether the whole effort wouldn't have fallen off badly but for these scenes.

The Winter Games are, with the addition of a few beautiful diving close-ups, the most colourful in the picture. But the pageantry of the opening of the Games is wonderfully captured and very little has been missed that helps to bring out this effect.

With so much shown of the torch relay from Greece, a surprising omission is that of the actual ceremony of the lighting of the Olympic Flame.

The torch-relay, the opening ceremony and the parade of the nations take up quite a few minutes. Then the film breaks somewhat with a lack of continuity into the first day of the Games.

Emphasis on actual events has been on dramatization and where these are filmed a good 10 minutes is given of each one.

Again, an effort is evident to strive more for the international than the purely thrilling and given an Indian turban the event becomes certain of being included in the documentary.

MISSED OUT

Completely missed are the now-famous newsreel shots of the Zatopkeff effort in the 10,000 metres run. There were some colourful runners in this event but Mr Knight decided evidently that he preferred the 5,000 metres and the Marathon.

The First Olympic Champion

By GERRY HERN

The nephew of the man who once jumped in and out of 27 mackerel barrels in succession dropped in for a social call the other afternoon and when he left the sports department the more nimble members of the staff were endangering their lives attempting to better 15 feet in the hop, step and jump.

They gave up jumping into the waste barrel after the first painfully unsuccessful attempt had left us a man short due to lacerations and abrasions.

Such social calls ordinarily wouldn't endear a caller, but the gentleman in the case happened to be James B. Connolly, who is by profession a noted author, but who carries even more weight around Boston as the first champion of the modern Olympics.

Mr Connolly's uncle, Mr. John O'Donnell, is now 103 years old and has given up jumping in and out of mackerel barrels, but there was a time when he covered a course of 27 on a Gloucester (Mass.) dock.

A GREAT FEAT

"That was truly a great athletic feat," said his thoroughly impressed nephew.

"He was tall and slim and could jump like a rabbit. He must have been able to get into one of those barrels they used to pack mackerel for sailing on the way to Boston.

"They aren't very wide at the top and there isn't much room to flex the knees for the jump out. Imagine doing 27 on them one right after the other."

Connolly, who won the hop, step and jump event in the revival of the Olympics at Athens in 1896, was asked if there was any hope of getting the mackerel-barrel jump into the Olympics in 1948.

"The barrel jump hasn't got a chance," he muttered, shaking his white locks. "They've even thought of dropping the hop, step and jump."

"However, they do keep the running broad jump. That doesn't require much jumping spring. It's mostly speed and not much of a test of a man's ability to jump."

"Some men who can clear 24 feet probably couldn't jump 5 feet. We didn't have to worry about foul lines because right at the takeoff they'd be on the ground. And there would be a ditch so that if you overstepped the take off you wound up on your face. That deterred anyone from cheating."

Mr George Kennelly, the National Football League alumnus, asked for a brief refresher on James B's winning effort in the Olympic game.

WINNING EFFORT

The man with the salt spray in his voice was ready for the question. He had been asked before to tell about the first time the American flag was run up to the top of the mast in an Olympic stadium.

"This isn't a new story, you know, Mr. Kennelly, but it has its points. I won the event at right, but it was almost an accident that I was there at all."

"We had worked our way over on a cattle boat and we finally arrived in Naples. I lost my wallet in the trip to Athens. I was carrying my own way, always did, and I couldn't have made it except that the cab driver was caught after he had spent the money."

The tickets, though, were still there and by a frantic spring along the railroad tracks I jumped aboard the train and was pulled into the compartment."

"When we arrived in Athens we assumed we had 12 days to wait for the meet to start and had joined in the official celebration."

GREEK CALENDAR

What no one had thought of was the difference between our calendar and the Greek calendar. While we were sitting in the hotel dining room, eating a leisurely breakfast, a Greek official came over to the table and told me that my event was the first one on the calendar and it would start at 2 p.m. that day.

"I was shocked, but it didn't make much difference. That afternoon in the stadium there must have been 80,000 people and 5,000 more ringed around the hills which overlook the field."

"My second jump was the best and I won with 45 feet and a fraction of an inch. They ran an American flag up then, but even if they hadn't, I already had a flag."

"I had it wrapped around my waist like a prize-fighter. We were covered for an emergency. The hop, step and jump was held in the 1936 Olympics when Nasto

Grete Andersen To Turn Professional

Copenhagen, Sept. 23.—The Olympic Games' women's 100 metres swimming champion, Grete Andersen, of Denmark, today announced that she is turning professional after the Anglo-Danish swimming contest next week, as she wants to become a swimming instructor.

Clara of Iceland, won the 200 metres event in the two-day international athletic meeting which ended here today. She ran a fine race and just beat Leslie Lewis, of Great Britain, both men returning a time of 22.4 seconds.

Douglas Wilson, Britain's Olympic middle distance runner, won the 1,500 metres race, beating Eric Jorgensen, of Denmark, and Sven Strindberg, of Sweden, in a great finishing burst. His time was four minutes 1.6 seconds.

Britain also won the 1,000 metres relay in two minutes 1.6 seconds, while Ange Paulsen, of Denmark, took the 2,000 metres in 4 minutes 38.8 seconds.—Reuter.

Tajima of Japan set the present record of 52 ft. 5-7/8 in.

Along about this time the sports staff started barrel-jumping and the meeting broke up for some first-aid treatment.—From the Boston Post.

Australians Net £60,000

London, Sept. 23.—The triumphant Australian cricket team left London today en route for home, taking with them £60,000 as Australia's share of the tour profits.

Mr Keith Johnson, the manager, said that the most lasting memory of an extremely pleasant tour would be the visit to Balmoral where "it was difficult to believe we were being entertained by Royalty." He added: "We felt we were going into an Englishman's home and into his family hearth."

Mr Johnson said that they had been very fortunate with the weather, having lost only five days through rain in a wet summer, and gate receipts were nearly twice as much as on any previous tour.

Don Bradman, who made his farewell speech at the official luncheon on Monday, merely added: "We have enjoyed every minute of the tour. I shall be coming back, but in what capacity and when I cannot say at the moment."

Asked to name the best batsman and bowler he had played against, Bradman smilingly replied: "I am not telling you that. I may be writing a book myself."—Reuter.

LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHT

Williams Keeps World Title

New York, Sept. 23.—The Williams retained his lightweight title tonight by knocking out Jesse Flores in the 10th round of their bout at Madison Square Garden.

On the same card, welterweight champion Ray "Sugar" Robinson won a unanimous 10-round no-title decision over Cuban Kid Gavilan.

Challenger Flores, a California Mexican, was badly cut up by Williams who had definitely the better of the fight. He hit the canvas five times, and after the third round it was only a question of time.—United Press.

"SUGAR RAY" OVERWEIGHT

New York, Sept. 23.—Welterweight champion Ray Robinson weighed in at 150-1/2 pounds for his non-title ten round fight Thursday night against Kid Gavilan of Cuba. Gavilan was 148 pounds. Robinson was 1/2 pound over the limit stipulated in a private agreement whereunder Gavilan may claim a \$55,000 forfeit.—Associated Press.

Scandinavian Tour For ABA Boxers

London, Sept. 24.—The Amateur Boxing Association named a 12-man team on Thursday to fight international matches in Scandinavia next month.

The team depart by plane on Sept. 29 and are to compete in Copenhagen on Oct. 1, Aarhus on Oct. 4, and Stockholm on Oct. 6.

Reserves were selected in the feather, light, welter and middle weight divisions. Three members were on the Olympic boxing team—Peter Brander, Ron Cooper and Jack Gardner.

The team: Flyweight, Bernard Marshall; bantamweight, Peter Morrison; featherweight, Peter Brander and Charlie Tucker; lightweight, Ron Cooper and Ron Latham; welterweight, Thompson Glanville and G. H. Williams; middleweight, Michael Black and Ted Warren; light heavyweight, James Allcock; heavyweight, Jack Gardner.—Associated Press.

GOLF

Quarter-Finalists At Birkdale

Birkdale, Lancashire, Sept. 23.—Hugh Watt, of Royal Burgess, who yesterday beat the Australian, Norman Von Nida, in the £2,500 British professional match play championship here, was himself eliminated today after a great battle.

He was beaten at the 10th hole by L. B. Ayton, of Worthing.

Ayton has reached the quarter finals of the championship together with Fred Daly, the defending champion, W. J. Cox, A. H. Padgham, S. L. Kirk, W. G. Smith and W. D. Smith.—Reuter.



Delegation To UN Dismissed

Hyderabad Withdraws Complaint

Park, Sept. 23.—The Nizam of Hyderabad sent a telegram to the United Nations on Thursday dismissing the Hyderabad delegation to the Security Council.

The Prince, whose state was invaded by Indian forces last week, not only confirmed Hyderabad's withdrawal of her complaint against India, but added that the Hyderabad delegation "has now ceased to have any authority to represent me or my state."

The Hyderabad delegation, headed by Nawab Moiz Nawaz Jung, ex-Foreign Minister, left Karachi by air the night before the invasion to present its case against "Indian aggression" to the Security Council. Despite India's argument that Hyderabad had no authority to complain, the Council decided last Monday to keep the question on its agenda pending receipt of additional information.

The Nizam said, "I read with surprise in the newspapers that Zahir Ahmed (Secretary General of the delegation) stated before the Security Council that no instructions had been received by him asking him to withdraw the Hyderabad case from the Security Council."

"As a matter of fact, on September 18 I sent a message which was duly communicated to Jung ordering him to withdraw Hyderabad's case from the Security Council."

REMOVING ALL DOUBTS
I also asked my Agent General in New Delhi, the telegram added, "to get in touch with Jung and communicate to him the said orders."

"To resolve all doubts in the matter, I now formally address this letter to you and request you to take note that the complaint made by my government to the Security Council has been withdrawn by me."

"I would add for your information that on September 17 the Ministry at whose instance the said complaint was made resigned and I personally assumed the charge of my state."

"The delegation to the Security Council which had been sent at the instance of the said Ministry has now ceased to have any authority to represent me or my state."—Associated Press.

POLICE SEARCH FOR BANDIT

Palermo, Italy, Sept. 23.—Police combat patrols swept through the bandit-infested country of Sicily for the second day today, in their large-scale campaign against the outlaw chief, Salvatore Giuliano, and reported a "sensational" arrest, but did not reveal the name of the man taken.

The Prefect of Police today convicted two of Giuliano's henchmen, the Schorito brothers and gave them five years in prison.—United Press.

\$5,000 REWARD

Tel-Aviv, Sept. 23.—The Israel Cabinet today decided to award \$5,000 for the information leading to the arrest of Count Bernadotte's assassin.—United Press.

H.C.L. QUESTIONNAIRE

Locality	Street
House or Flat	No. of Rooms
Number in Family	
Rent	\$
Food	
Servants	
Light and Fuel	
Schooling	
Clothing	
Transportation	
Insurance	
Entertainment	
Any Other Items:	
TOTAL \$	
Name and Address (not for publication)	

STREET. Mark your envelope, cut it out of the paper, and send it to THE EDITOR, HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WYNDHAM HILL in the above questionnaire "H.C.L. Questionnaire."

Holdup Trail Ends In Sawdust Trail



New System For Financing The Chinese Army

Nanking, Sept. 23.—President Chiang Kai-shek has won the opening rounds of a battle to take government funds out of the hands of his generals through a system of modern military finance.

The new procedures—one vigorously opposed by some subordinate commanders—became effective on September 1 in 91 units of the army. They will be applied on October 1 to 94 more and thereafter will be extended to cover all military activities of the Chinese Government.

The system is the result of several months work by the American Advisory Group in China. It is a simplification of finance and accounting practices now used by the United States armed forces.

The new system ends lump-sum payments to commanding generals, a vicious practice which critics said bred corruption and allowed dishonest commanders to grow rich at the expense of poorly-fed and equipped troops.

And, equally important, it provides that the common soldier in the field will get his pay on time if there are government funds available to pay him.

Directing the new programme, now spread through nine regional and disbursing and accounting offices, is Major General Wu Sung-ching, Paris-trained chief of military finance.

The new finance system won complete acceptance of the Chinese high command. In lower commands there was opposition. But, once the system was in, Chinese finance officials said, improved morale, a more steady and certain flow of funds from the top down and advance knowledge by the commander of exactly how much money was available for running his

army dissolved most of the opposition. Accompanying the finance system is a new programme of strength control by which daily reports must be submitted of the strength of all units. This was intended to correct existing abuses under "padding of pay and food rolls by army commanders."

While the new system is not expected to eradicate all ills of the Chinese army's handling of funds, it will, officials believe, go a long way toward putting the entire National Defence Ministry on a business-like basis in which commanders from Minister Ho Ying-chin downward are informed daily of each unit's financial position, and as result, of its military possibilities.—Associated Press.

PRISON FOR WOMAN SPY

Prague, Sept. 23.—An Austrian woman sentenced today to 18 years in prison as a spy working for the American counter intelligence agency corps.

Hana Hoffer, 29, was convicted of having worked in Linz, Austria, and Prague in 1945 to 1947 for the CIC and "betrayed matters which should have remained secret in the interest of the state." She will be expelled from Czechoslovakia after completing her sentence.

This was the third within a week that the CIC had been publicly accused of sending spies into Czechoslovakia. Yesterday, it was announced that more than 30 persons had been arrested in connection with a group of three alleged CIC trained spies. Earlier this week, an undisclosed number were arrested as accomplices of the fourth man said to be under CIC orders.

The report of Hoffer's trial gave no indication as to the date or place of her arrest. The trial itself was secret.—United Press.

Big Rat Hunt In Nagasaki

Nagasaki, Sept. 23.—Rats have been running roughshod over Nagasaki, but now the citizens are running after the rats.

To spur the race city fathers caught 30 rats and collared them with shiny metal. Then the rats were turned loose. Each collared rat will be worth 1,000 yen to its captor.

To make sure the metal collar is not the only quarry the city officials offered a lottery ticket for each uncollared rat. The lottery prize is 500 yen.—Associated Press.

Marooned Passengers Rescued

Miami, Sept. 23.—Six passengers have been taken from the British freighter Lochmoran grounded off Little Cayman Island, but the crew of 67 remained on board the ship.

The steamship Cayman took the passengers off on Wednesday en route to Kingston, Jamaica. The tug Curb is standing by for salvage operations.—Associated Press.

Robert Rankin, 21, of Detroit lies sprawled in sawdust on floor of Sawdust Trail bar off Times Square in New York, after customers halted his attempt to hold up the place. One patron belted Rankin with a chair and others helped make him a candidate for the hospital.—AP Picture.

Reorganising U.S. Armed Forces

Secret Committee Meeting

Washington, Sept. 23.—Congressional Armed Service Committee members were called into a secret session today to review recommendations for streamlining the organization of the army, navy and air force.

The meeting may go far toward establishing a set of "minimum demands" for military reorganization.

Some members have demanded that setup in the unification programme in return for their support of military spending that is expected to top \$15,000,000,000 in the fiscal year 1950.

Mr Ferdinand Eberstadt, chairman of "Task Force 23" of former President Herbert Hoover's commission on governmental reorganization, requested the special conference. Former chairman of the army-navy board and deputy boss of the old War Production Board, Mr Eberstadt is prominently mentioned as possible Secretary of Defense in the event of a Republican election victory this autumn.

DRAFT REPORT

His commission met yesterday to work on the draft of its report to Mr Hoover. He then requested today's conference to enable key legislators to pass on his recommendations before they are put in final form.

Mr Eberstadt's group has received many suggestions for the armed services. Some defence sources urged that the post of Secretary of Defence be strengthened and that the Secretaries of the army, navy and air force be reduced to assistant secretaries.

Also urged by some officials is the establishment of a single chief of staff of all the armed services with an accompanying single joint staff. At present each service has its own chief of staff. They comprise the present joint chiefs of staff organization which requires a decision by unanimous agreement.—United Press.

Mr Hoover Making Good Recovery

Washington, Sept. 23.—The FBI reported today that its Director, Mr J. Edgar Hoover, was "recovering splendidly" from his illness.

Mr Hoover had been suffering from bronchial pneumonia in the past 10 days.

His office said he was still in bed and was not expected back at his desk "in the near future."—United Press.

IN CAPTIVITY

Frankfurt, Sept. 23.—The Russian State Ministry of the Interior disclosed that two American soldiers and one German had been taken captive by Russians near Sodenalendorf in Northern Hesse. Radio Frankfurt reported tonight.—United Press.

STATE OF SIEGE IN EAST JAVA

Republican Troops In Three-Pronged Drive

Batavia, Sept. 23.—A state of siege has been declared in Republican-held East Java where fighting with the Communists is taking place, the Republican news agency, Antara, reported tonight. The Indonesian Republican military headquarters at Jogjakarta have declared it a special military area and have appointed General Soengkono, commander of the Republican forces there, as Military Governor. The Indonesian Republican troops, driving forward in three columns, today pushed the Communists back to within 12½ miles of their East Java stronghold of Madiun, the agency reported.

The military authorities in Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, expressed confidence that Madiun would soon be recaptured. Besides Madiun, the Communists still control part of Magetan, to the west, and part of Ponorejo, to the south, Antara added.

Republican forces were fighting off the rebels trying to seize the secretariat at Madiun, six miles east of Madiun. In Nganjuk, a nearby railway centre, they forestalled a Communist drive and disarmed local members of the Socialist Youth Movement.

The Communist-controlled radio at Madiun, which last night broadcast a call for supporters throughout Indonesia to "guard against attacks and stay on the offensive," today reported that martial law had been proclaimed in the Madiun district.

DUTCH AMBUSHED

The Dutch Army today confirmed that the bodies of two Dutch soldiers, "literally cut to pieces with native knives," had been found in West Java. One of the soldiers was still alive when found on September 18 but died soon afterwards. They were leading a jungle patrol on September 14 when ambushed and captured.

Dr Amir Sjarifoeddin, former Socialist Prime Minister of the Indonesian Republic, speaking over the Communist-controlled Madiun Radio tonight, said that co-operation with the Dutch in Army affairs in the proposed United States of Indonesia was "only a dream."

The people had asked for an end to the Republic's foreign affairs, but the Hatta Government sought only to maintain existing relations and had rejected a "beneficial" agreement with Russia. The biggest gap between the people and the Hatta Government was Dr Hatta's unwillingness to divide land among the people, he said.

It was reported tonight that senior Republican Ministers were to form a special committee to assist the President of the Republic, Dr I. R. Soekarno, to exercise full powers during the emergency created by the Communist coup.

COMMUNIST QUILTINGS

President Soekarno and the Premier, Dr Hatta, conferred today with the Republican Army Commander-in-Chief, General Sudirman.

The return to Indonesia of the Communist leader, Musa, after 23 years in Russia, together with Dr Soeripno, formerly Indonesian Republican representative in Prague, is the first clear proof of the links between Moscow and the Communist-led quiltings in South East Asia, authoritative quarters said here today.

That there are such links—probably less direct—between Moscow and the Communist parties of the South East Asian countries other than Indonesia can only be deduced from the sequence of events over the past year.

Until a year ago, the general policy of the Communists of South East Asia was, on the surface at least, to co-operate closely with the Nationalist movements, for which they were to supply the "dynamic driving force."

In this their strategy was similar to German occupation and the post-liberation period. The change came a year ago. Shortly after the Warsaw Cominform meeting of September, 1947, called on the Communist parties to abandon the old Popular

Attempt To Kill Marshal Tito

Trieste, Sept. 23.—The news agency Astra today reported that Marshal Tito escaped an assassination attempt made today while he was motoring in Yugoslavia.

The report said, "Partisan elements mined the bridge across which Tito was scheduled to pass during his recent visit to Dalmatia, but (the plot) was broken up."—United Press.

GIRL'S SUICIDE

Shanghai, September 24.—Despondent because middle school tuition fees had increased beyond her capacity to pay, 16-year-old Miss Chiang King-ying killed herself by taking poison. Her parents said the girl had an excellent academic record and her entire interest centered in scholastic affairs.—Associated Press.

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